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1. In February 1952, construction of 12 cylindrical fuel storage tanks was begun at a location approximately 700 meters northwest of Plovdiv, south of Gara Filipovo, between the Plovdiv-Karlovo and Plovdiv-Burgas rail lines. The tanks are Project 6-2 of the Duzhzhavno Stroitelno Obedinenie (State Construction Union) of Plovdiv.
2. The plans called for the completion of the tanks by the end of April 1952; however, only two of the tanks had been completed by 11 June 1952. The main reason for the delay was that the steel pipes which are to be installed in the bottom of each tank did not arrive until about 20 April 1952.

25X1 3. A certain Krivoshapkov [redacted] approximately 40 years old, is in charge of the project. [redacted]

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4. Until April 1952, approximately 50-60 workers were employed on the project. After this date, a group of technicians from Sofia arrived to install the steel sheeting and pipes.

Description of the Tanks

5. The storage tanks are arranged in a circle 70-80 meters in diameter. The capacities of the tanks are to be 20,000, 30,000, 40,000 and 60,000 liters. They will have the following dimensions:

- a. Four tanks, diameter seven meters and height 1.5 to three meters;
- b. Three tanks, diameter 7.6 meters and height 1.5 to three meters;

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- c. Three tanks, diameter 8.2 meters and height three to four meters;
 - d. One tank, diameter 9.2 meters and height five meters; and
 - e. One tank, diameter nine meters and height three to four meters.
6. The reservoirs will be filled through an opening in the top and emptied through the pipes in the base. All pipes from the base will empty into a pumping station from which the fuel is to be piped to loading outlets.
 7. The tanks are being constructed as follows:
 - a. Walls, concrete reinforced with steel rings;
 - b. Lining, steel sheeting;
 - c. Tops, reinforced concrete;
 - d. Bases, concrete 40 centimeters thick; and
 - e. Camouflage, covering of earth taken from a large mound 300 meters away.

Other Construction Details

8. Two 1-story warehouses 20 meters long, six meters wide, and seven meters high are to be constructed approximately 30-40 meters from the storage tanks. Each of the buildings will have three compartments; the middle compartment of each building will be constructed of fire-resistant bricks.
9. A 2-story administration building 12 meters long, seven meters wide, and 10 meters high is to be built less than 30 meters from the tanks.
10. A 2-story building which is to house the fire-fighting equipment, personnel, and guards, is to be located near the administration building. This building will be 15 meters long, 12 meters wide, and eight meters high.
11. The whole area is to be enclosed by a barbed wire fence 2.8 meters high. Concrete fence posts have already been put in place.

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